

Proposed Recipient: Albany State University

Amount: \$150,000

Contact: Nyota Tucker, Albany State University, 504 College Drive, Albany, GA 31705

Explanation: Funds are requested to provide a model program designed to increase the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students in postsecondary education.

Proposed Recipient: Albany Community Together, Inc.

Amount: \$100,000

Contact: Thelma Adams Johnson, 230 S. Jackson Street, Suite 154, Albany, GA 31701

Explanation: Funding is being sought for a workforce development initiative designed to increase high school graduation rate. Business and community leaders will work with local schools to conduct classroom workshops and exercises to develop real-world skills.

Proposed Recipient: BAIN-Bainbridge Advocacy Individual Network, Inc.

Amount: \$100,000

Contact: Virginia C. Harris, P.O. Box 1674, Bainbridge, GA 39819

Explanation: Requests funding for the modification and execution of the Adaptive Equipment Program for home modification to allow for wheelchair mobility.

Proposed Recipient: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Amount: \$400,000

Contact: Ron Frieson, 1600 Tullie Circle, Atlanta, GA 30320

Explanation: Funding would be used for the continuation of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's School Nurse Liaison Program.

Proposed Recipient: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Amount: \$11,535,000

Contact: Ron Frieson, 1600 Tullie Circle, Atlanta, GA 30320

Explanation: Funding will be used for the construction and acquisition of equipment for the new Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Facility, for the renovation of the Child Protection Center adjacent to the Hughes Spaulding Facility.

Proposed Recipient: Columbus State University

Amount: \$150,000

Contact: President Timothy Mescon, CSU, 4225 University Avenue, Columbus, GA 31907

Explanation: Request funding for development of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program.

Proposed Recipient: Easter Seals of Southern Georgia (Albany, GA)

Amount: \$100,000

Contact: Ms. Nicki Wilson, 1906 Palmyra road, Albany, GA 31701

Explanation: Funding is requested to provide support for the initiation of the third Megan's House in south west which is a respite home for children ages 0-17 who are developmentally disabled, who have Autism, or are medically fragile.

Proposed Recipient: Enrichment Services Program, Inc. (Columbus, GA)

Amount: \$100,000

Contact: Ms. Belva Dorsey, 900 Linwood Blvd... Columbus, GA 31906

Explanation: Funding is request to support the organization's after-school tutorial and GED programs for at-risk youth throughout an eight county southwest Georgia service area.

Proposed Recipient: Ft. Valley State University

Amount: \$150,000

Contact: Dr. Larry Rivers; 1005 State University Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030

Explanation: Funding is requested to initiate the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) at the University, focusing on research and execution of a program aimed at curbing obesity, particularly among young minorities, in SW Georgia.

Proposed Recipient: Georgia State University

Amount: \$500,000

Contact: Robin Morris, VP Research, PO Box 3965, Atlanta, GA 30302

Explanation: Funding is requested to support continued research in Child Mistreatment Prevention throughout the State of Georgia, including the training of home visitation workers who interact with at risk youth/families.

Proposed Recipient: Grady Health System

Amount: \$3,000,000

Contact: Ms. Tish Towns, 80 Jesse Hill Drive, Atlanta, GA 30303

Explanation: Funding is requested for the upgrade and improvements to Grady's unified network – the Grady Health System Network Transformation. The upgrade of Grady's unified

network is critically important and is a necessary foundation of Grady's implementation of a system-wide electronic health record infrastructure...

Proposed Recipient: Marcus Autism Center

Amount: \$1,630,000

Contact: Farah Chapes, Marcus Autism Center, 1920 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA

Explanation: Funding is being sought for a lifetime Electronic Medical Record system to support clinical care of autism and related disorders.

Proposed Recipient: Marcus Autism Center

Amount: \$600,000

Contact: Farah Chapes, Marcus Autism Center, 1920 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA

Explanation: Funding is being sought to build a statewide outreach model for therapeutic, intervention, and case management services for children with autism and related disorders. Includes expanding service delivery in rural Georgia.

Proposed Recipient: Marcus Autism Center

Amount: \$300,000

Contact: Farah Chapes, Marcus Autism Center, 1920 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA

Explanation: Funding is being sought to develop statewide service delivery system for children with autism and related disorders, which will link existing research and clinical models to provide care.

Proposed Recipient: Marcus Autism Center

Amount: \$100,000

Contact: Farah Chapes, Marcus Autism Center, 1920 Briarcliff Rd. Atlanta, GA

Explanation: Funding is being sought to create a virtual extension of the existing Resource Center to utilize web-based resource guides and training tools.

Proposed Recipient: Morehouse College

Amount: \$3,000,000

Contact: 830 Westview Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314

Explanation: Funding is being sought for a Research Scholars Program designed to advance the participation of minority students in emerging science and technology fields. The program will identify top-tier students and place them in a program that includes on-on-one mentoring, summer research program, and internships at top research institutions.

Proposed Recipient: Morehouse College

Amount: \$10,000,000

Contact: 830 Westview Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314

Explanation: Funding is being sought to support the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Initiative, designed to catalogue and preserve recently acquired collection of MLK papers and speeches, as well as develop a program of research, curriculum, and course development. Includes funding for facilities and training.

Proposed Recipient: Morehouse College

Amount: \$2,500,000

Contact: 830 Westview Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314

Explanation: Funding is being sought for the Minority Energy Science Research and Education Initiative, designed to prepare high achieving students for the rigors of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics)-related careers. -\$2,500,000

Proposed Recipient: Morehouse School of Medicine

Amount: \$7,200,000

Contact: Kim Jackson, Morehouse School of Medicine, 720 Westview Dr. Atlanta, GA 30310

Explanation: Funding is being sought to support a joint effort between Morehouse School of Medicine and Grady Hospital, to expand and improve their electronic medical records information technology infrastructure.

Proposed Recipient: Phoebe Putney Health System

Amount: \$150,000

Contact: Cynthia George, VP, Phoebe Putney Health System, 417 Third Avenue, Albany, GA 31701

Explanation: Funding is being sought to expand current middle school-based health clinics' in schools with predominately minority populations to all K-12, and to offer primary care services through a contract with Albany Area Primary Health Care.

Proposed Recipient: Spelman College

Amount: \$2,600,000

Contact: Helga Greenfield, 350 Spelman Lane, S.W., Box 1551, Atlanta, GA 30314

Explanation: Funding is being sought to support the WISE scholars program, a student development effort intended to increase the prevalence of minorities and women in science, technology, engineering, etc.

Proposed Recipient: Spelman College

Amount: \$900,000

Contact: Helga Greenfield, 350 Spelman Lane, S.W., Box 1551, Atlanta, GA 30314

Explanation: Funding is being sought for the Black Women's Health Initiative, focused on curricular and co-curricular offerings to raise awareness about the health status of black women.

Proposed Recipient: Spelman College

Amount: \$950,000

Contact: Helga Greenfield, 350 Spelman Lane, S.W., Box 1551, Atlanta, GA 30314

Explanation: Funding is being sought to support a program to increase foreign language and foreign affairs proficiency, particularly for African-American women.

Proposed Recipient: Spelman College

Amount: \$300,000

Contact: Helga Greenfield, 350 Spelman Lane, S.W., Box 1551, Atlanta, GA 30314

Explanation: Funding is being sought for the Environmental Sciences and Studies Program, providing research-based, interdisciplinary environmental science curriculum. Includes start-up costs for two labs.

Proposed Recipient: Thomas University

Amount: \$150,000

Contact: Brewer Turley, Thomas University, 1501 Millpond Rd. Thomasville, GA

Explanation: Requests funding to support a new initiative aimed at increasing the interest in science and math of "at-risk" teenagers living in Thomas County and the surrounding region

Proposed Recipient: Woodruff Arts Center

Amount: \$900,000

Contact: Mary Susan Wheeler, 1280 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

Explanation: Funding is being sought to support the Center's efforts in for education and outreach initiatives including K-12 arts education, after-school and summer arts programming.

Report Language Requests:

NIH/Research Centers at Minority Institutions — The Committee continues to recognize the critical role played by minority institutions at both the graduate and undergraduate levels in addressing the health research and training needs of minority populations. These programs help facilitate the preparation of a new generation of scientists at these institutions, and the Research Centers in Minority Institutions [RCMI] Program continues to impact significantly on these problems. The Committee encourages NIH to strengthen participation from minority institutions, especially those with a track record of producing minority scholars in science and technology, and increase resources available in this area.

NIH/ NCMHD — The Committee commends the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities for its leadership in addressing the longstanding problem of health status disparities in minority and medically underserved populations, and continues to encourage NCMHD to implement its successful research endowment program as an ongoing initiative. The Committee also commends NCMHD for its successful “Project EXPORT” initiative and urges continued support for this important program. Finally, the Committee encourages the director of NCMHD to coordinate with the NIH Director and the National Center for Research Resources in support of extramural facility construction and the development of other research and research library infrastructure at minority health professions schools.

NIH/Minority Institutions — The Committee continues to be pleased with the NIH Director’s implementation of various programs focused on developing the research infrastructure at minority health professions institutions, including Research Centers at Minority Institutions and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. However, the Committee encourages the re-implementation of the Extramural Biomedical Research Facilities program. The Committee encourages that the NIH Director work closely with the Director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities to establish a program of coordination among these various mechanisms and partner with minority health professions schools to address their infrastructure needs.

CMS/Kidney Care — The Committee is pleased that kidney care provided to Medicare beneficiaries continues to improve, but concerned that significant patient access gaps remain. The Committee has provided sufficient funding (ASSUMING we get increase appropriations) for survey and certification activities, including initial survey and certification activities for dialysis facilities, to eliminate facility backlogs and improve patient access to care. The Committee urges CMS to explore the use of user fees and the dual-use of state funded licensure activities and other budget-neutral policy options which provide additional resources for ESRD initial survey and certification activities.